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In re Application of: Terrell Neils Andersen et al.

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For: HIGH DISCHARGE CAPACITY
ELECTROLYTIC MANGANESE
DIOXIDE AND METHODS OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

) Art Unit: 1741

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the pending application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 18 to read as follows and add the following new claims 26-28:

Claim 17 (previously amended) An improved cathode material comprising EMD, said EMD having an AA-cell discharge capacity at a 1 watt discharge rate of about 68.2 milliampere hours per gram or higher and an AA-cell discharge energy at a 1 watt discharge rate of about 755 milliwatt hours or higher.

Claim 18 (currently amended) An improved cathode material comprising EMD, said EMD having an intrinsic discharge capacity of about 254.6 256.1 milliampere hours per gram or higher and an initial open circuit voltage of about 1.639 volts or higher.